CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	(3232).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1300966.014
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	27 November 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	26 November 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout shows a boy who has been posed in a contrived manner to draw attention to his youthful body and his genitals. The effect is to invite the viewer to regard him as sexually available and ready for adult sexual contact. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse adults with a sexual interest in children or young persons. The image encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the idea that boys are available for adult sexual use. The availability of such material creates or reinforces a sexual interest in children or young people and encourages exploitation and abuse.

The classification of these publications interferes with the right to freedom of expression. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.